

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: JULY 10, 2023. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136.

Application Number: 41F 30147856

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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

<u>Water Right Type</u>	<u>Water Right Number</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41F 30114843	AUGUST 18, 1947
Historical Flow Rate: 15.31 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 340.90 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 2,088.00 AC-FT
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41F 30114845	AUGUST 18, 1947
Historical Flow Rate: 15.95 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 355.10 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 2,175.30 AC-FT

PAST USE OF WATER

WATER RIGHT CLAIM NO. 41F 30114843 FOR 15.31 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS) FLOW FROM THE MADISON RIVER USING THE EIKELAND DITCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD IRRIGATION WITH A PRIORITY DATE OF 08/18/1947. WATER RIGHT CLAIM NO. 41F 30114845 FOR 15.95 CFS FLOW FROM THE MADISON RIVER USING EIKELAND DITCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD IRRIGATION WITH A PRIORITY DATE OF 08/18/1947. FOR BOTH WATER RIGHTS, THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND PERIOD OF USE IS 05/01-10/20. THE PLACE OF USE FOR BOTH WATER RIGHTS IS ENTIRELY SUPPLEMENTAL AND IS 621 ACRES IN THE E2 OF SECTION 20, E2 OF SECTION 21, AND W2 OF SECTION 21, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH (T07S), RANGE 1 WEST (R01W), MADISON COUNTY. THE PLACE OF USE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES WEST OF CAMERON, MONTANA NEAR THE MADISON RIVER.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO ADD A SECOND POINT OF DIVERSION TO THIS SYSTEM IN THE NESENE OF SECTION 29, T07S R01W, MADISON COUNTY. THE EXISTING POINT OF DIVERSION, THE EIKELAND DITCH, WILL REMAIN IN USE. THE PROPOSED POINT OF DIVERSION IS 2 MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM THE HISTORIC POINT OF DIVERSION. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES A NEW 6142-FOOT DITCH, WITH A CAPACITY OF 20 CFS, AT THE NEW POINT OF DIVERSION. THE APPLICANT WILL RETIRE 7968 FEET OF 41330 FEET OF EIKLAND DITCH SEGMENTS, WHILE STILL PROVIDING CARRIAGE WATER TO DOWN-DITCH WATER USERS, TO OFFSET THE CONVEYANCE LOSS OF THE NEW DITCH. THE PLACE OF USE, PURPOSE, AND PERIOD OF USE REMAIN THE SAME.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A CONCURRENT CHANGE (41F 30147383) IS FILED TO CHANGE THE POD ON ASSOCIATED STOCK WATER RIGHT (41F 30122594).

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